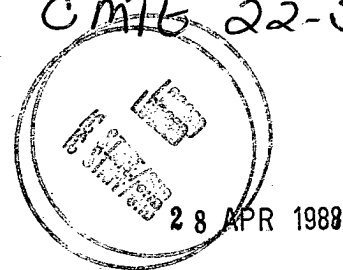


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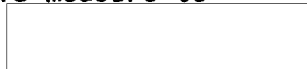
MEMORANDUM FOR: D. Barry Kelly  
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1. This memorandum provides an interim answer to your request to me of several weeks ago regarding a study of potential improvements to START verification. I apologize for the delay but there have been and remain a large number of issues taking me away from this important task. 

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2. As you may be aware from your colleague, Mike Kimberling, we at ICS--and US intelligence, more generally--have been working extensively and hard on this issue of improving START verification. Our work has been directed at the question of specific improvements, as well as a number of subsidiary points. An example of the latter is a paper which DDR&E/ICS and the DCI's Arms Control Intelligence Staff (ACIS) did for Admiral Inman. The Admiral, Chairman of the Defense Science Board's study on START verification, asked us to look into the issue of using aircraft as a cooperative measure to help verify a START agreement. A copy of the paper is attached. 

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3. In addition, we have been doing (on our own and with ACIS) a variety of other pieces of work. An example is an overview of the whole issue of START improvements. We undertook this document because the subject quickly grew into a variety of projects, being done by a variety of organizations, for a variety of requesters. Keeping an overview--of who was doing what, why, and with what results--seemed like a good idea. A copy of the current version of the overview is attached. The overview, on pages 2-6 plus, express my views about the potential for improvements to START verification. My views take a number of pages to express because the issue is quite complex. 

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4. And, of course, other agencies have been doing pieces of work as well. All of the pieces we know of are cited in the overview. But one merits particular attention, primarily because it addresses the heart of your

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question to me. CIA's Office of Soviet Analysis, at the request of the DDCI, looked into the issue of what could be done to raise the monitoring judgments of US intelligence to the high confidence level. Again, rather than give you my view of the results, you ought to look at the document itself. A copy is attached. [REDACTED]

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5. More practically, once you have taken these products onboard, so to speak, and at your convenience, of course, I would be glad to engage you about your request again. One of my obvious questions will be: In light of what has been done so far, what more do you need that we at ICS can do, or get done, for you? We are capable of doing more, are in position to do more, and are ready. We have worked closely with ACIS in the last several months on this issue of improving START verification and that close collaboration really ought to continue. In any case, creating an integrated paper specifically on what could be done to improve START verification will be a quite difficult and painful effort. [REDACTED]

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6. If there is anything more that I can do to assist you, or if you have questions or comments, please call. Our secretaries can schedule a meeting in an instant. [REDACTED]

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## Attachments: (3)

A. Paper for Admiral Inman  
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B. Overview on START Improvements  
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C. SOVA Paper on Monitoring Judgments  
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